

DECLARATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MEMBRANE, DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR REMOVING PROTEASES FROM LIQUIDS

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>
DE 102 31 574.4 (Number)	GERMANY (Country)	11 JULY 2002 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §§365(c) and 120, of any prior international listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application:

<u>PCT/EP2003/006366</u> (Application Ser. No.)	<u>17 JUNE 2003</u> (Filing Date)	<u>pending</u> (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)

Applicants : Demmer et al.  
Application No.: (concurrently herewith) Filed: (concurrent herewith)  
Title : MEMBRANE, DEVICE AND METHOD FOR REMOVING PROTEASES  
FROM LIQUIDS  
Assignee : Sartorius AG,  
a German corporation  
(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency,  
etc.)

states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel\_\_\_\_\_, Frame\_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

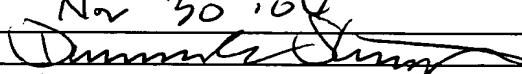
B.  a chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached. (Where one or more of the documents is unrecorded.)

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of the assignee.

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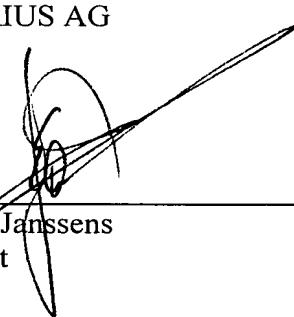
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicants : Demmer et al.  
Serial No. : (concurrent)  
Filed : (concurrent)  
Title : MEMBRANE, DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
REMOVING PROTEASES FROM LIQUIDS

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Dr. Eric Janssens, declare that I am the President of SARTORIUS AG, and am authorized to execute this document on its behalf. SARTORIUS AG is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-referenced patent application and hereby appoints Jacob E. Vilhauer, Jr., Reg. No. 24,885, Charles D. McClung, Reg. No. 26,568, Dennis E. Stenzel, Reg. No. 28,763, Donald B. Haslett, Reg. No. 28,855, William O. Geny, Reg. No. 27,444, J. Peter Staples, Reg. No. 30,690, Nancy J. Moriarty, Reg. No. P 40,733, Kevin L. Russell, Reg. No. 38,292, Timothy A. Long, Reg. No. 28,876, Brenna K. Legaard 51,077, Kurt Rohlfs, Reg. No. 54,405, Scott C. Krieger, Reg. No. 42,768, and Susan D. Pitchford, Reg. No. 50,945 and all members of the firm of CHERNOFF, VILHAUER, McCLUNG & STENZEL, 1600 ODS Tower, 601 S.W. Second Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-3157, telephone number (503) 227 5631, its attorneys, jointly and individually, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Dr. Eric Janssens  
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Dated: 24. Nov., 2004